

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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June 13, 2002

Department of Commerce
Honorable Evans
Commerce Secretary
Herbert C. Hoover Bldg.
Room 5858
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: **RESOLUTION #111 of 2002**

Dear Commerce Secretary Evans:

Attached please find a copy of the resolution referenced above, passed at a Regular Meeting of the Putnam County Legislature, which was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2002.

If you have any questions with regards to the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Donna C. McMahon
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Legislative Clerk

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Resolution # 111 Meeting
Introduced by Legislator: Arne Nordstrom : on behalf of Regular June 4, 2002
Physical Services Committee
Seconded by Legislator: Michael Semo Special _____

WHEREAS, the New York Department of State (DOS) rejected the proposal for the Millennium Pipeline to cross the Hudson River underground at Haverstraw Bay; and

WHEREAS, THE DOS thoroughly considered the proposal and concluded that such a route was inconsistent with the policies of the New York State Coastal Management Program; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pataki and other elected officials in the Hudson Valley and New York State support the DOS's denial for the pipeline proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Millennium Pipeline proposal to cross the Hudson River underground would have involved blasting and dredging the River that would have had injurious effects on the health and safety of local communities, drinking water supplies and fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Millennium Pipeline proposal does not address concerns regarding possible contamination of the New York City drinking water during the construction of the pipeline under the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) revoked Millennium Pipeline's site access permit to explore building through the Catskill Aqueduct; and

WHEREAS, the NYCDEP's decision was based on post September 11, 2001 security studies done by the Army Corps of Engineers that determined that the proposed crossing posed inherent security risks; and

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Resolution # 111 continued Meeting _____
Introduced by Legislator: _____ Regular _____
Seconded by Legislator: _____ Special _____

WHEREAS, the proposed crossing is situated in the midst of Indian Point, Consolidated Edison transmission towers and construction has the potential to adversely affect 40% of the New York City Watershed; and

WHEREAS, viable alternatives have not been explored that would reduce the health, safety and security risks inherent with the originally submitted crossing plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to consideration of this or any other pipeline proposal, a regional "blueprint for energy" must be developed to assess current and future energy needs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby urges Secretary of Commerce Evans to uphold the New York Department of State's decision and not approve the Millennium Pipeline's proposal to cross the Hudson River; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature also hereby urges the New York State Legislature to prioritize convening a regional panel representing the Hudson River Valley to immediately begin preparation of a "blueprint for energy" in the region; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports the need for the development of a regional "blueprint for energy" to analyze current energy demand, assess future energy needs and develop a long range plan for the delivery of energy; and be it further

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Special _____

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to President Bush, Commerce Secretary Evans, Senator Schumer, Senator Clinton, Congresswoman Kelly, Governor Pataki, Senator Leibell, Assemblyman Stephens, Assemblywoman Galef, Senate Majority Leader Bruno and Assembly Speaker Silver.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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June 4, 2002

Dated June 6, 2002

Signed: _____

Randy McMalon